

A SHOCKING CRIME AND . . .

AN AMAZING FORGIVENESS

Condensed from "Christianity and Crisis"

A young Korean student was walking through a poor part of Philadelphia when for no reason whatever he was suddenly pounced upon by a gang of Negro boys and brutally murdered. Away in Pusan his parents received the news through the Philadelphia Red Cross. No greater example of the redeeming love of Christ expressed in the midst of tragedy could be found than in the reply from the parents received by the Director of the Red Cross.

DIRECTOR
PHILADELPHIA RED CROSS

PUSAN, KOREA.

Dear Sir:

We, the parents of In Ho Oh, on behalf of our whole family, deeply appreciate the expressions of sympathy you have extended to us at this time. In Ho had almost finished the preparation needed for the achievement of his ambition, which was to serve his people and nation as a Christian statesman.

When we heard of his death, we could not believe the news was true, for the shock was so unexpected and sad, but now we find that it is an undeniable fact that In Ho has been killed by a gang of Negro boys whose souls were not saved and in whom human nature is paralyzed. We are sad now, not only because of In Ho's unachieved future, but also because of the unsaved souls and paralyzed human nature of the murderers.

We thank God that He has given us a plan whereby our sorrow is being turned into Christian purpose. It is our hope that we may somehow be instrumental in the salvation of the souls, and in giving life to the human nature of the murderers. Our family has met together and we have decided to petition that the most generous treatment possible within the laws of your government be given to those who committed this criminal action

In order to give evidence of our sincere hope contained in this petition our whole family has decided to save money to start a fund to be used for the religious, educational, vocational and social guidance of the boys when they are released. In addition, we are daring to hope that we can do something to minimize such juvenile criminal actions which are to be found, not only in your country, but also in Korea

About the burial we hope that you could spare a piece of land in your country for your land, too, is homeland for Christians and it is our sincere hope that thus we will remember your people, and you will remember our people, and that both you and we will more vitally sense an obligation for the better guidance of juvenile delinquents whose souls are unsaved, and whose human natures are paralyzed, and to the murderers, and to keep you and us closer in Christian love and fellowship.

We are not familiar with your customs and you may find something hard to understand in what we are trying to say and do. Please interpret our hope and idea with Christian spirit and in the light of democratic principles. We have dared to express our hope with a spirit received from the Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ who died for our sins.

May God bless you, your people, and particularly the boys who killed our son and kinsman.

KI BYANG OH (father)
President, Yung-Chin Industrial Company
SHON WYNN H. OH (mother)

In addition, the letter was also signed by two uncles, two aunts, five sisters, two brothers and nine cousins.

News and Notes

Royal, Iowa—Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Clifford R. Paulsen, Pastor. It has been our pleasure to have Rev. Homer Larsen of Cedar Falls, Iowa, with us for a series of evangelistic meetings held from April 19-22. We were challenged, convicted and inspired by the Christ-centered messages brought to us around the theme "The Power of the Resurrection."

On April 22nd our Ladies were hostesses to our Women of the Church Circuit Rally. At the morning session Rev. Homer Larsen brought the message on Home Missions under the theme "He Holdeth The World In His Hand." In the afternoon we were privileged to have Dr. William Larsen, our Synodical President, as our guest speaker on the subject of Foreign Missions. There were 171 ladies and pastors registered and the day was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

We are especially grateful to God for the privilege of giving the sum of \$3,000.00 over and above our synodical quota this year for the cause of foreign missions. Our congregation has also met its synodical quota and forward phase in full. We are pleased, too, that we have already fulfilled our quota to Lutheran World Action and have met better than half of our quota to District. God has blessed our people with a new vision for the work of His kingdom and we have experienced his blessing upon our work and lives. We are looking forward to entering wholeheartedly into the joint stewardship program of the merging bodies and believe that our congregation will continue to show a steady and healthy growth in all phases of Christian Stewardship.

Portland, Ore. Bethany Lutheran Church, C. S. Kloth, pastor, received 46 new members the Sunday after Easter.

Lynwood, Calif. The men of St. Paul's packed their suitcases and went on their annual spiritual retreat to the mountains April 24-26.

Dr. Arthur Mouw, missionary from Borneo, was the guest speaker. The main purpose of this retreat was not recreational, but for the up-building of spiritual lives. Again this year over

one hundred men expected that this would be one of the great highlights of their lives, and they were not disappointed.

Pastor H. S. Madsen of Spring Valley and Turkey Valley Lutheran Churches, Viborg, S. Dak., has resigned to accept a call from Hamlin Lutheran Church, Hamlin, Iowa.

THE 63RD ANNUAL CONVENTION

The 63rd Annual Convention of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church will be held at Sidney, Montana, upon invitation from Pella Lutheran Church (Stanley Larsen, Pastor), June 18-23, 1959. The opening services will begin Thursday evening, June 18, at 7:30 p.m. The convention will continue through Tuesday noon.

All congregations are urged to send delegates, one delegate for each fifty members (twenty-one years or over). Delegates will please have credential blanks filled out, bring to the convention and present to the Credentials Committee.

All matters which require convention action should be in the hands of the Church Council by June 1st.

The Pre-Convention Reports are available through the pastors of the congregations. We urge all, both pastors and congregations, to give prayerful consideration to all the reports. May God grant His blessing upon our 63rd Annual Convention.

William Larsen, President
Lawrence Siersbeck, Secretary

The Olivet congregation of Inglewood, Calif., was host to two of its former pastors at their 50th Anniversary celebration, April 10-12. Dr. and Mrs. Hans C. Jersild (1934-1945) of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Pastor and Mrs. George J. Robertson (1945-1952) of Blair, Nebraska, were present for the busy weekend which began with a smorgasbord on Friday evening. Retired Pastor and Mrs. J. H. Vammen, members of Olivet and predecessors of Jersild and Robertson, were among the welcomers.

At a special program on Sunday afternoon some recalled the early days around 1909, when what was then

the Bethel Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church was founded near the heart of Los Angeles, a city of 300,000. The congregation moved to W. Adams Blvd. and Ninth Ave. in 1940, and to the present location on Imperial Hwy. in Inglewood in 1955.

Special guests for the event were pastors of the three Home Mission congregations in the Los Angeles area begun by Olivet. Attending also were Mr. Alan Johnson and Dr. A. M. Hansen, sons of Olivet's first two pastors. The Rev. J. M. Girtz, pastor of Olivet, acted as Master of Ceremonies.

Robertson brought the message at the early service on Sunday morning and Jersild at the second. The festivities were brought to a close with Communion service in the evening. Pastor Vammen speaking.

Pastor Paul A. Kloth is the Associate Pastor, one of Olivet's seven spiritual leaders since 1909.

Olivet has 875 members. Its budget is 70,000. A beautiful booklet giving the highlights of the 50 years was published for the occasion.

A chapel for the Mount Cross Bible Camp in the Santa Cruz Mountains, Felton, California, is in the planning stage, through the generosity of a member of Ansgar Lutheran Church in San Francisco. The initial gift to the Memorial Trust Fund for a Chapel came from Mrs. Roscoe Jensen of the congregation, thus providing the needed impetus to fulfill a long felt need for a worship building on the camp grounds.

Mrs. Jensen and her husband were planning to build a new home when these plans were interrupted by Mrs. Jensen's sudden death. Because of their interest in the Bible Camp, dating back to before its founding, Mrs. Jensen and her pastor, the Rev. Spen Petersen, considered this a fitting memorial. The gift, to be given over a period of years, will total more than \$15,000.

Members of the Bible Camp Board have already authorized the building of a chapel, at an estimated cost of \$20,000, and the building committee is now interviewing architects. To be used only as a worship center, the new chapel will be in harmony with the beauty of the Santa Cruz mountains in which the camp is situated.

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Editorials and Comments

THE MODERN CHURCH

AND THE PASTOR'S AUTHORITY

Matthew says that when Jesus preached the Sermon on Mount, "He taught them as one who had authority, and as their scribes."

When Paul and Peter and the Apostles spoke, they also spoke with authority.

A pastor is called to be leader of the congregation and members expect him to lead. But it seems to us that the pastor in the modern church is in danger of losing his authority. Let us state at the outset that the authority of the pastor does not rest in the fact that he is legally called. He cannot lead as a governor or direct as an employer. The authority of the pastor is a peculiar one. It rests solely in the fact that he is a servant of the Word of God.

A recent Danish writer, Egon Nielsen, bemoans the fact that during the past fifty years the congregation has lost the pastor who is endowed with positive authority. This course refers to Denmark, but may we not also apply it to the church life in America? Egon Nielsen says that the pastor with wide knowledge combined with dignified authority has become scarce. This is bad for the church. If the pastor loses his authority he cannot lead, his work suffers.

What is the authority of the pastor? We glanced through pastoral epistles, I and II Timothy and Titus. We quote a few words at random: The pastor must lift holy hands. He is well thought of by outsiders. He must command and teach these things . . . He must exhort. Be a man of God. Be strong. Master of himself. Be of sound doctrine. He must "Insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds."

How can the pastor become such a person in modern church life? We wonder if Peter was thinking about this problem, when he in Acts 6:2, says that "It is not right that we should give up preaching and serve at tables." And Peter discovered that it was very easy to get wrapped up in the mechanical and petty things and get away from the main task of being a servant of the Word of God?

It may be argued that the pastor is his own master, and that it is true to a certain extent. But it should not be forgotten that he is under a tremendous pressure, not only to be effective in his congregation, but also from the synodical authorities and other agencies who expect him to be the man and promote the larger work of the church. Here is an area of tension that must not be overlooked.

Recently we attended a circuit meeting of some 15 pastors of another synod. We did have a very fruitful discussion based on a lecture about the Word of God. But the business meeting took a long time. Here are some of the things brought before the group. The headquarters of the church wanted some definite commitment on the budget for 1960. There was an appeal from the Lutheran School of Nursing, and another from the Lutheran Welfare. There were one or two other causes that needed attention. All these causes were good, but we felt sorry for the men who were asked to attend "kick off" meetings and suppers to be informed about these things so that they could inform their members and get them active. It seems to us that it is possible for the pastor to get lost in these many things and thus lose his authority.

These things demand much attention and administration. They have a tendency to shatter the pastor's life and make it fragmentary. Instead of looking at the church and congregation he is impressed with these things and the congregation becomes a means by which these things are ac-

complished. Where can he find time to be a servant of the Word, and when is he able to minister to the congregation, when he has to tackle these problems all the time? When he goes about ministering to his flock he has these things on his mind. When he prepares his sermon they force themselves upon him. It even destroys his effectiveness in leading his people into true stewardship, for he cannot be fragmentary and retain that authority, which all good Christian leaders must have. He becomes an agent for these different interests. He must learn to balance things. One month he presses for this and the next month he presses for that or some other thing.

We believe that the real authority of the pastor must not be impaired. The many good causes he is asked to lay on his people's hearts must always be secondary to his main task of preaching the Word and ministering to his flock. Feed my sheep, says Jesus.

It is true that this feeding also refers to the many good causes, which the congregation is asked to support, but the local church must always be growing. Paul speaks about spiritual gifts in I Cor. 14. In verse 12 he says to the Corinthians: "So with yourselves; since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in building up the church." A good many speakers use this and apply it on the "causes" outside the local church. But building up the church really means the edifying of the church, or the real growth of the church. The readers are asked to abound in that.

What we want to say is that we should be urged "to excel in building up the church," that is the congregation. Out of the congregation will then come the fruits such as the support of the many good causes.

We feel sorry for the young pastor who goes out with the high ideal of the ministry and who at once gets under the pressure of the causes. It may influence him so that he thinks, and he makes his people think, that these causes are the real thing. He may forget to build up the church. Thus he is lost and the congregation is also lost.

How difficult it is to be master of himself, and place first things first even in the ministry. But the pastor must learn to do that, if he would keep the true authority needed to guide and feed his flock.

PASTORS CHOPPED TO BITS

It is always nice when people agree with you. We had just finished the above editorial, when we got the following news item:

Preachers are "in large part prisoners of accredited mediocrity," Prof. Joseph Sittler of the University of Chicago declared in the annual Lyman Beecher Lectures at Yale Divinity School.

Thousands of American ministers are being "chopped up into small pieces" for the promotional purposes of churches, he said. Preachers need more time for study and reflection, but under pastoral pressures the minister's duties "become less and less an occupation engaged in as intrinsic to his role as witness to the Gospel and pastor to people," he added.

Instead, he said, the ministry becomes "more and more frantic efforts to find Biblical or theological generalities which will religiously dignify his promotional purposes."

Under promotional pressures, Prof. Sittler said, the minister finds that the will of God has got to be simplified into a push for the parish house; the Holy Spirit is reduced to a holy resource which can be used as a punch-line for the enforcement of parish purposes.

Prof. Sittler said that ministers were "deeply disturbed because they have a sense of vocational guilt—they were ordained to an office and they have ended up running an office—in "a kind of dizzy occupational oscillation."

He called upon religious and theological educators to remedy the situation by becoming "more violent advocates for our students, noisier protectors of their reflective future." He added: "We must fling our protests in the face both of parish people and church officialdom."

Church News *from here and there*

8 OUT OF 10 NEW LUTHERAN CHURCHES MODERN

An estimated eight out of every ten churches being constructed by Lutheran congregations across the nation are contemporary in style, according to an expert on church building in Minneapolis, Minn.

The Rev. Edward S. Frey of New York, also reported a growing awareness among church building committees that "style is a result rather than a starting point" in church architecture.

He spoke at a seminar on "Building for the Church," held in connection with a fine arts festival sponsored by Lutheran Brotherhood.

The term "building committee" is really a misnomer, said Mr. Frey, who is executive director of the Department of Church Architecture, United Lutheran Church in America.

This is because the best church building committee doesn't design and doesn't build, he explained. The business of such a committee, he said, is to "analyze the program of the congregation in all its parts, take a good long look at itself and then write out a description and evaluation of the program. Then it is the job of the architect to interpret the program."

Mr. Frey said buildings are tools, not ends in themselves. He added that it is the job of the congregation building committee "to describe the work the tool is to do and it is the architect who gives it form and keenness for the work of the church."

SURVEY SHOWS INTEGRATED STATUS OF LUTHERAN CHURCHES

Eighty out of 167 Lutheran churches in the greater New York City metropolitan area replying to a questionnaire said their congregations are interracial.

Fifty other reported they are willing to be integrated but are not because of their homogeneous neighborhoods.

Another 37 replied they are not interracial and gave no indication of their interest or lack of interest in becoming integrated.

The survey was conducted by the Lutheran Welfare Council of New York which announced the results. Affiliated with the council are six

Lutheran bodies; United Lutheran, Missouri Synod, Evangelical Lutheran, Augustana Evangelical, United Evangelical and American Lutheran.

It said that questionnaires were sent to 305 Lutheran churches in the metropolitan area, including congregations not affiliated with the council, and 167 replies were received.

The council noted that among the 138 congregations failing to answer are a number "known to be interracial in fact and in interest." These churches could not be included in the report because they had failed to reply, the council pointed out.

Of the 80 integrated churches, 68 are predominantly white, six mostly Negro and one mainly Chinese. The other five are more racially mixed.

\$1,700,000 BEQUEST LEFT TO LUTHERAN COLLEGE

Hartwick College in Oneonta, N. Y., which is related to the United Lutheran Church in America, has received a bequest of \$1,700,000 from the estate of the late Miss Marion Yager, a former resident of Oneonta who died in Italy last February.

Dr. Miller A. F. Ritchie, college president, said the institution was the sole residual beneficiary and that the bequest was made in memory of Miss Yager's brother, the late Willard E. Yager.

One of 14 United Lutheran colleges, Hartwick is supported by the United Lutheran Synod of New York and New England.

SOUTHERN PRESBYTERIANS REPORT RECORD MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. (Southern) in 1958 reached a record total of 873,071, an increase of nearly 21,000 over the previous year.

The statistics were announced by the office of the denomination's Stated Clerk at the Church's 88th General Assembly in Atlanta, Ga.

Of the total membership, the report said, 869,501 are communicants and 3,570 ministers.

Total contributions for all causes by Southern Presbyterians was \$82,603,791, another record and about \$4,500,000 more than in 1957.

Per capita giving increased from \$92.09 in 1957 to \$95.00 last year. This

includes per capita giving of \$22.13 benevolence and \$72.87 for current expenses.

Fifty new churches were organized in 1958 for a record total of 3,948; 83 presbyteries of 16 synods. The denomination now also has 304 chapels or outposts.

Sunday school enrollment rose to 729,911 last year from the previous high of 717,585.

MEASURE TO LIMIT HUTTERITE LAND ACQUISITION KILLED

A measure to limit Hutterite land acquisition in Minnesota to 3,000 acres was killed in the judiciary committee of the Minnesota senate.

"We don't want to harm them—they are good people," said Sen. C. J. Benson, Ortonville, author of the measure. "But we don't like to see them take over the whole county."

CONVENTION NOTICE

Pella congregation of Sidney, Montana extends an invitation to all pastors, delegates and guests of the Synod to attend the 63rd annual Synod Convention of the U.E.L.C. to be held in Sidney, June 18-23. We ask you send your reservations as soon as you are able to do so to Mr. Elmer Steffens, Box 631, Sidney, Montana.

The homes of our members are open to visiting pastors, delegates and guests.

For those wishing hotel and motel accommodations, we give you this information: we have excellent ample hotel accommodations; as far as the motels are concerned, they are also excellent, but there are not many available motel rooms as there are hotel rooms.

Sidney is located just North of U.S. Highway No. 10 on Highway 16. There are excellent rail and bus accommodations to Glendive, Montana, rail accommodations to Culbertson, Montana and Williston, North Dakota. All pastors, delegates and guests, be met at any of these points if they will notify Mr. Henry Andersen, Room 1, Sidney, Montana in advance of their arrival.

Frontier Airlines has two flights into Sidney daily. If you desire to be met at the airport, kindly notify Mr. Andersen as to the time of your arrival. Our transportation committee will be on call to meet all who desire its services.

Iver M. Iverson
President of Pella Lutheran Church

THE WASHINGTON OBSERVER

By Gerhard Lenski

SO SAYS THE NATIONAL PRESS CLUB

The National Press Club of Washington is a highly influential and powerful group of men. Composed of respondents for the leading newspapers of the nation, its members have their finger on the public pulse and they are able to smell out the news at times long before it happens. Last Saturday's meeting offered a questionnaire composed of four questions.

- 1) Do you think a Catholic can be elected President?
- 2) Do you think a Southerner can be President?
- 3) Who will be the Republican nominee?
- 4) Who will be the Democrat nominee?

By a vote of 50 to 45 these newsmen thought a Catholic could not be elected to the Presidency. By a larger vote they expressed the belief that a Southerner could not win either. John F. Kennedy was named as the Republican nominee with Rockefeller a poor second. The Democrat nominee by a wide margin was none other than our friend Adlai Stevenson.

How right is the guess of our newsmen likely to be? Your guess is as good as mine. But it will be helpful if you guess to remember that in 1912, when the smart boys, the politicians, named Taft as the winner, these same canny newsmen named Eisenhower.

LATE BUT PERHAPS NOT TOO LATE

There must be a source of considerable comfort and strength for one dangerously ill to realize that millions of fellow-citizens have suddenly and long last become deeply appreciative of his past services and prayerfully concerned about his welfare.

Our American public, as this column has pointed out at various times, has always dealt kindly with John Foster Dulles, our now ailing and retiring Secretary of State. He has been sharply criticized, frequently misrepresented, even abused, all at times of crisis when he was far from wrong and greatly needing public support and encouragement. To have kept at his post tirelessly and bravely under such circumstances is a remarkable performance, a test of real greatness. At the value of such service should now be so generally recognized as it is good, especially since such recog-

nition can and does come at a time when he who deserves it is able to receive it.

Mr. Dulles has never played the martyr nor invited public sympathy. He has spoken firmly but never in vituperative terms or in the language of hate and bitterness. He has stood for principle regardless of criticism. His methods have been direct and forthright, perhaps too much so for those oily diplomats whose "yes" means "may be" and whose "may be" is only a veiled evasion.

As a Christian man Mr. Dulles believes in prayer. Remembering that, it is not too much to say that his public service has been a prayer, not one for himself, but one offered for the country he loves and for the world whose peace he seeks. Fitting and right it is that now the prayers of many should be offered in his behalf.

OUR NEW SECRETARY OF STATE

Our new Secretary of State—Christian Archibald Herter—comes into high office apparently most admirably qualified. His ancestral background is German. He himself was born in Paris while his parents were residents there. At an early age he was able to speak English, German and French. He attended private schools and then graduated from Harvard. He has been engaged in journalism and publishing. He has had an abundance of political experience, having served as a member of Congress and also in his home state of Massachusetts in a judicial capacity and also as governor.

Some men, in their busy careers, manage to accumulate enemies. Mr. Herter has collected friends, so many, in fact, that he is said to have no real enemies at all. When his name was submitted to the Senate, his appointment was approved by a 93-0 vote. He is tall, dignified, impressive in appearance, about all that we might expect a great statesman to be. He has a keen mind, a retentive memory, a cultured manner, a gracious way of expressing himself. Add up his many qualifications. None that might be essential seems to be lacking.

It is good that Mr. Herter should be able. Great wisdom, tact and courage are needed in the trouble-area in which he will operate. The leaders with whom he will do business—Macmillan, De Gaulle, Adenauer, Nasser,

Castro, Khrushchev, Mao and others—are all giants, some of them veritable Goliaths. We dare not send a boy or a weakling to speak to them in our behalf. Nor are we sending such as now Mr. Herter is named to succeed John Foster Dulles.

We are glad to report that Mr. Herter is a church member, an Episcopalian, a member of Boston's well known Trinity Church. It is also to be noted that Mr. Herter's given name is "Christian." Those who selected that name for him—why did they select it? Was it their prayer that he who bore that name would honor it by proving himself to be a Christian man? We are bound to think so. And we are also bound to think that this expectation will find expression and realization in the important decisions that Mr. Herter will soon be called upon to make.

At the worship service attended by the writer last Sunday prayers were offered for Mr. Herter. It is to be hoped that such prayers will be offered in many of our churches and by many of our people.

OLD AGE HOSPITALIZATION PROPOSALS

Congress is carefully studying certain proposals to incorporate old-age hospitalization in the present Social Security program.

Estimates as to probable costs have been submitted in a 117 page report drawn up by the Social Security Administration and filed with the House Ways and Means Committee by Secretary of Welfare Flemming.

A first year cost of providing 60 days of hospital care for Social Security eligibles is estimated at \$900 million. A 90 day hospitalization is estimated to cost about \$990 million. Add administrative expenses and other costs and it will be seen that a billion dollar figure is in order. If such a sum is to be made available, a one-half per cent increase in the social security payroll tax will be necessary. The present rate is now 2½% on the first \$4,800 of earnings both for workers and employers and this rate will rise to 4½% by 1969. More benefits—more protection—but please note what Mr. Flemming says—"more costs!"

This whole matter is highly complex and has many angles. No doubt, many in our lower income brackets would be greatly helped if present proposals become law. On the other hand, do we want more and more social security, socialized medicine, the government becoming our nurse and keeper? Congressman Forand, chief sponsor of

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Where Must I Look to Find God?

By Harold E. Skelton

It was Sunday morning he asked it; our pastor mused aloud when he placed the question before the folk of our congregation: Where must I look to find God?

Over the generations of man, man himself, without question, looked up when he prayed. But a Soviet scientist, taking advantage of the custom of God-loving peoples, quipped that scientific instruments on Sputniks reported seeing no God in the "heavens." Proof, he said, of the nonsense of believing in a God above. Perhaps then, we may not look upwards to witness the persons of our God and our Savior.

And we have only to think of the walls around us; tree-walls to those who dwell in the forests, mighty rock-walls to those of the mountains—and the milling, transient walls of people which surround the urbanites, to know that God will not be seen by those who look for Him ahead or behind or up that street or down this.

Where then, must I look to find God?

Our pastor answered his own question: God, he said, can be seen in the souls of men. God, he continued, is ever-present in the faith-guided goodness of the folk who love and

Mr. Skelton is production Manager the Office of Lutheran World Action. He has promised some more articles.

serve God. His answer, I admit, didn't satisfy me. Why, I asked myself, must I x-ray others' souls to find imprisonment there the Creator, the Savior; greater than the body or the soul of any man?

I gave considerable thought to his answer, and the more I thought about it, the more disturbed I became until suddenly—it must have been suddenly for I realized I knew the answer and I hadn't known it before—I accepted his answer without further doubt. I spoke with a friend about Christ. I shared Christ with him when he was in need. I shared Christ only because I had Christ to share—my friend found Christ in me.

I wonder now where I found Him? Who, Christ-filled, shared Christ with me? And I wonder, too, with whom I shall share Him tomorrow and the next day—and the day after that?

A Voice From Oaks

By Nana Nielsen

As most of our people know, Oaks lies on a plateau in the beautiful Ozark Mountains. In the spring the redbud and dogwood flowers add to the splendor of the resurrection in nature throughout the woods. There are wonderful opportunities for fishing, hunting and swimming, or just enjoying a walk or drive through the woods. The climate is mild with winter cold spells broken by temperatures in the sixties when one can bask in the sunshine.

In the midst of this beautiful setting our Cherokee Indian Mission is located; with its stately church where services are conducted regularly, its two children's homes and its school including a full high school course with the usual activities.

While this is not a good farming country, strawberries are raised on quite a large scale. The road is blacktopped clear into Oaks which makes marketing more easy. A small industry in woodcraft of some kind would help furnish employment for men who must go elsewhere to find work. There is an axhandle factory about forty miles northwest of here which seems successful. Perhaps someone in our synod may have other ideas. It would be a real asset to

our mission to have a Christian family move in and start an industry which would keep our boys and girls from leaving Oaks as soon as they are through high school.

This would also be a nice place for a retired couple who would like to serve the Lord among the Cherokees. There would be many opportunities to help the pastor with personal work. Living expenses are lower here and real estate taxes very low compared to those in the North. Land for a building site can be had quite cheap.

I have a modern three bedroom house for sale. It has a living room 12' by 18', a kitchen, utility room, bathroom and two porches besides a car porch. There is an acre of land with a wooded slope to the west and a beautiful blue garden above the creek to the north. There would be room for a garden and a few chickens if so desired. I will sell at a reasonable price as I have planned to take up residence at "The Good Samaritan Home" in Hastings, Nebraska.

Any one who can mend shoes would get the job of 80 boys and girls at the homes as well as the job of shoe repairing from many in the neighborhood.

If any of The Ansgar Lutheran readers is interested write me, or better still come and see for yourself.

The Church Militant

"A Free Church in a Free Germany"

By Bertrand Jordan

Can we believe all that we read and hear about the cold war in Europe? How are we to understand and interpret what we do believe about the situation over there," especially in Germany and Berlin? These and similar questions are being asked many times every day by the average American as he reads his daily newspaper or watches his favorite TV program. After a three year tour of duty in Germany as a Lutheran Chaplain, I could answer the first question in the affirmative. It is our hope to shed some light on the second question in this and the following article. What happens over there is of vital concern to us as Lutherans, for the Lutheran Church stands right in the center of the cold war.

To be sure, we are all familiar with the events in Europe by our membership in the Lutheran World Federation and by our contributions to Lutheran World Action. But, I believe, for the most of us the situation is even closer than LWF or LWA. At least many of us still have family in Western Europe, and a number of our older members were born over there and came to the United States with their parents. Indeed, it is for these very reasons that each of the three uniting church bodies is closely related to the Lutheran Church in Europe.

During and following the two great wars, our country had many thousands of troops stationed in Europe, and since 1946 entire American families have lived there for periods varying from two to three years, in some instances even longer. Our readers may be interested in how these American families fare living so long in a foreign country. To military people with families a tour of duty in Germany is regarded as a choice assignment; indeed, it is just that. A benevolent government provides fine public schools, up to and including High School, with American teachers using American text books. The only German teachers were those who could speak English fluently, and they taught mostly German and music. Commissaries and Post Exchanges provide food and American made consumer goods. Best of all, the Army provides the most modern housing facilities, and even maintains them. In each large housing area are found people chapel facilities with Divine services for all Faiths. There is also non-denominational Sunday School

with experienced teachers from all shades of Protestant thinking. The first half of my European tour was spent in such a Dependent Housing Chapel, and for the most part my Sunday School teachers were sound and conservative with a positive Biblical background. In addition, I provided Lutheran Services each Sunday and Holy Days for Lutheran personnel with the usual pastoral ministrations and Confirmation instruction for the youth.

Our Church has done a very fine job of following her Service people all over the world; this is something that requires the closest cooperation on the home front and by the home congregation. We can well be proud of our Lutheran Service Centers, also found overseas. Our Service Center in Kaiserslautern, Germany is doing a fine job of gathering souls for the Kingdom of God. The number of souls added to the Church since the start of this Center about five years ago would make a large congregation, if they could all stay in the same place long enough.

We stated earlier that the Lutheran Church is in the very center of the cold war. Even the Church of West Germany must feel the impact of the tensions created by East-West conflict. The Church is giving much needed spiritual, moral, and financial support to the Lutheran Church of East Germany. Last fall Bishop Dietzfelbinger of the Lutheran Church in Bavaria informed us that it was still possible to send money and even large gifts such as farm tractors to the Church of Mecklenburg in the Soviet Zone. Moreover, the West German Church gives vigorous support to the Government policy of adherence to the West and membership in NATO by furnishing chaplains to the Bundeswehr (Armed Forces) of the Federal Republic (West Germany).

The greatest impact on the West German Church is its ability to absorb the many thousands of refugees from the East Zone that flee to the West each year. Since 1945 some ten million persons left their homes in what is now East Germany, Czechoslovakia, and Poland to find a new life of freedom in the West, and the vast majority of these people live in the present West Germany. Since over 90% of these stateless persons are Lutherans, it is the Lutheran Church of West Germany that must absorb them. Let us look at the situation in Bavaria

The Pastor at McNabb, Ill. will write three articles based on his three years of service in Europe. This is the first of the series. The next will be "The Church Suffering."

with which I am intimately acquainted as liaison between the Americans living in Munich and the German Churches.

The Lutheran Church in Bavaria carries on this vast program of caring for the refugees through the Innere Mission stations in every large city. The Munich Innere Mission has the largest warehouse and distribution. It was my happy task to channel the many gifts of clothing, food, and money from American Protestants through the Innere Mission personnel direct to the needy refugee families scattered throughout the large city of Munich in shabby barracks-type housing areas. In the warehouse we saw the huge bales of clothing stenciled with the familiar LWA label from the USA. So we can assure our readers that their gifts of love to LWA are getting through promptly to those individuals and family groups who need it most. I am happy to give the Church the assurance that we are "getting there firstest with the mostest!" The Bavarian Lutheran Church is doing an almost miraculous task in this field, and is being rewarded by a phenomenal growth since 1945. In that year Munich had nine Lutheran congregations with 8,600 members. As of January 1959 there are 27 parishes with 230,000 members.

Our own family parish was the Martin Luther Kirche in Southeast Munich. The pastor-in-chief visited in our home regularly, and we attended the services when we could; that is, when no American services prevented us from attending. The large church with a capacity of 700 was well filled for each service, and I myself preached there on occasion. A most rewarding experience, indeed! Our contacts with the Lutheran clergy and people were fruitful and enjoyable; in doctrine and practice this Church is much like the present American Lutheran Church.

These are our impressions of West Germany and its Lutheran Church after some thirty-odd months of residence in Bavaria, southernmost of the thirteen States that now constitute the Federal Republic of West Germany. This Church is, indeed, a MILITANT CHURCH! God willing, in our next article we hope to describe life in the East Zone, as we learned it from the refugees themselves who fled from that unhappy land. In short, we would like to describe the situation in Berlin, East Germany, in THE SUFFERING CHURCH.

Blair Host to Joint Union Committee

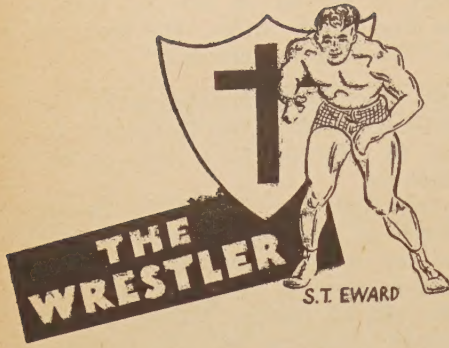
The Joint Union Committee met at Blair, Nebr., May 4-5-6, to make the final plans for a very important meeting to be held at Northfield, Minn., the second week of July. It is difficult to say much about the meeting at Blair, because it handled a number of details that really don't make news. The July meeting will make news for at that meeting the first boards will meet and organize. Then these boards will begin to make plans for personnel to take over the work of the new church. It is expected that about 200 people will meet with the Joint Union Committee at Northfield. The Canadians were granted author-

ity to incorporate the church in Canada. This will eventually lead to an independent church in Canada.

The Blair folks proved to be good hosts. The meeting was held at First Lutheran Church, and the ladies of that church served the meals.

Dana College had the committee members as guests for one meal. It gave the members a chance to see the campus, which is really a place of which we may be proud.

Let us simply conclude with this observation: The new church is just around the corner. And the members of the Joint Union Committee are rejoicing.



OCCUPATION OBJECTIVES

One of gangland's leaders in the Capone syndicate had been summoned to a hearing to serve as a witness.

A Chicago newspaper described the once dapper leader of crime at the age of 60, suffering with crippling arthritis. The man who once made fabulous sums of money and lived a life of luxury, now faces the last few years of his life to endure pain and to reminisce. He may ask himself if the making of money and his method of making it were what he should have done. He may inquire into how he would live his life if given a second chance.

When reporters questioned him he told them that all he wanted to do was to go back to Arizona. He said "I haven't enough life left in me to do anything." At this age it is too late to ask about purposes for living and do something about it.

Classes from elementary, high schools and colleges will be graduated and will be encouraged to throw themselves into the stream of life to strive to succeed in the mad scramble for comfort and security. Many will be told that the world they will face will be a scientific age, and that they must prepare themselves to cope with it through education. Graduation speakers will attempt to define worthy objectives for the graduates, and many of the graduates are anxious to find challenging objectives.

The church with its varied program of education and mercy has some of the most satisfying vocations. Young people who want to make their lives count for their Lord may and should consult with their pastors to secure suggestions and direction for the use of their lives.

Jesus said that if anyone is willing to lose his life for Christ's sake, that person will find his life. Regardless of occupation, if this attitude controls a life, it will be successful.

Church Music Institute at Dana College

By Paul Neve

A Church Music Institute will be conducted at Dana College June 7-12. The purpose of such a school is to provide a week of study for those who are charged with the responsibility of providing music in the Church. Those in charge of the weekly worship services and church music in all its channels, those who have to supply the congregation and all its activities with fresh, inspiring ways and means of expression, are much in need of periodic rejuvenation. They need to get away, to meet others who labor in the same fields so that they can share experiences with them, find new ideas, new techniques, new objectives.

The daily class schedule for the five days offers work in many areas. Dr. Oscar Overby, Executive and Musical director of the Choral Union of the ELC, who has several years of experience in conducting such Institutes,

will be here for the week. He will offer work in choir training and conducting, and conduct the evening clinic rehearsals. Gertrude Boe Overby, the wife of Dr. Overby, who is a voice instructor at St. Olaf College, will offer instruction in the junior music in the Church and in fundamentals of singing.

Rev. Ralph R. Radloff of Bird City, Kansas will present daily lectures in Liturgy and Worship. Prof. John Seagard of Luther College, Wahoo, Nebraska will present lectures for Church organists and offer suggestions in repertoire. He will also be available for private organ instruction. Prof. Paul Neve will serve as dean of the Institute and offer a class in choir repertoire.

The work is gauged to meet the needs of the less trained leaders, so plan now to attend this Institute.

NEWS AND NOTES

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Additional memorials and other gifts to make possible this memorial chapel are invited and encouraged, and may be sent to Mt. Cross Bible Camp, Felton, California.

Mount Cross Bible Camp is sponsored by the following bodies: American Lutheran Church, United Evangelical Lutheran Church, Augustana Lutheran Church, Evangelical Lutheran Church, Suomi Synod, and United Lutheran Church. The Rev. Werner P. Welchert, U.L.C.A. pastor from Saratoga, California, is president of the Board of Directors.

This summer's eleven-week camping program opens June 21. Registration forms have been sent to all participating congregations. Since a large enrollment is anticipated, campers are urged to register early.

Family Week of Camp at Luther Point, Wis.

A Family Week is being planned at Luther Point Bible Camp, located on the beautiful East Shore of Big Wood Lake, southeast of Grantsburg, Wisconsin for the week of August 2-7.

The speakers are a husband and wife team, the Rev. and Mrs. H. O. Egertson, Staff Evangelists of the ELC. Rev. Egertson will conduct a Bible Study and the evening services. Mrs. Egertson will have a practical hour on family living.

There are four points of emphasis:

1. Christian Fellowship.
2. Mother's Retreat. Mothers and children welcome if husband must work. There will be capable babysitters during the morning sessions.
3. Leisure time. The schedule not crowded or rigid.

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Roman Catholics Do Pray to Mary

Talk to Mary before you date

It is sometimes said that Roman Catholics do not pray to the Virgin Mary or to saints. Well, here comes news from Minneapolis, Minn., by Religious News Service, which certainly proves that Roman Catholics are advised to pray to Mary.

Teen-agers at the Minneapolis Catholic Youth center have prepared a prayer to be said before going on a date.

Wallet-size copies of the prayer, which has the imprimatur of Archbishop William O. Brady, of St. Paul, will be distributed to other teen-agers over the nation. The prayer, made to the Virgin Mary, asks her to "keep us chaste," "make us wise," and "brighten our date with laughter."

Preparation of the prayer followed participation in a discussion series on chastity and sex, sponsored by the contact, high school Catholic Action movement.

Text of the prayer follows:

PRAYER TO BE SAID BEFORE GOING ON A DATE

O Mary, Mother of us all, you have taught us the meaning of true friendship by your constant concern for helping and pleasing others, primarily your own Divine Son. Your life is a perfect example of genuine interest, generosity, courtesy, warmth and unselfishness.

Mary, help us to make this date strengthen true friendship in our hearts. Only then will it be worthy to be offered to your Son as a pledge of our respect for Him and for each other. Help us to be an occasion of grace to each other and to all who share these hours with us. Protect us body and soul. Make us aware of the presence of God in one another.

Keep us chaste, O Virgin most pure.

Make us wise, O Virgin most prudent.

Brighten our date with laughter, O Cause of our Joy.

We will then be richer in mind and heart for having shared each other's company. We will be strengthened in true friendship for you, for your Son, and for each other, through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Diamond Jubilee Commencement

The Diamond Jubilee Commencement, to be held in the Dana Auditorium on May 24, at 3 p.m., will see 40 Dana students graduated. The Rev. Lawrence Siersbeck of Kenosha, Wisconsin, Secretary of the U.E.L.C., will be the Commencement speaker.

The Baccalaureate Service, at First Lutheran Church, Blair, will have Chaplain L. G. C. Pedersen as main speaker. Chaplain Pedersen is serving at the Veterans Hospital, Tomah, Wisconsin. Rev. Wesley Anderson of Evan, Minnesota will also take part in the service.

Senior Convocation (May 18) speaker will be Mr. C. Arthur Christiansen. Mr. Christiansen, a member of the Dana faculty since 1951, is currently on Sabbatical leave and is completing his Ph.D. at the University of Nebraska.

All friends of Dana are invited to attend the Commencement activities.

Development

Dana College acknowledges with deep gratitude a gift of \$400.00 for the Development Program received from Mrs. Paul G. Rasmussen of Neenah, Wisconsin. The gift represents memorials to the late Reverend Paul G. Rasmussen who passed away January 19, given by friends in Neenah and friends from other localities. In acknowledging the gift President Madsen wrote to Mrs. Rasmussen:

Thank you sincerely for the very generous memorial gift you sent from many friends in your Church and across the country. I know these gifts are an expression of the high respect and esteem we all felt for Paul, and we are deeply grateful for the fact you desire them to be used as a memorial to him here at Dana where you and he met and spent so many years together. May the God of all comfort continue to preserve his memory in reverence among us, and may He sustain you in your deep sorrow.

THE LUTHER LEAGUE

John W. Nielsen, Editor

WITNESSING FOR CHRIST IN SCHOOL

By Bill Ewing

(With this article we begin a series of three on the subject of "Witnessing" prepared by the Leaguers of St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Whittier, California. Perhaps it seems strange to run this article on "Witnessing in School" with only a few weeks of school left, yet maybe these last weeks of school offer a special opportunity to witness. —J.W.N.)

What can we do to witness for Christ around school and to help make people understand Christ and the Christian way of life? This is a very interesting, controversial, and oftentimes puzzling question. I am sure that each person has his own answer.

First, let us analyze the practices that go on around the schools. A public school admits all types of persons. Some may be Christians, others "half-believers," and maybe some are atheists. In most classes in our public school system, you are allowed to express your feelings freely. In a public school, the responsibility for such things as student government, voting, and club activities lie in the students' hands.

Now let us find a definition of the word "witnessing" and apply it to our analysis of our schools. My definition of the word "witness" would be to tell someone about something that you believe in and that you understand.

At school we have the opportunity to say what is on our minds but sometimes we do not use this privilege to its maximum advantage. Witnessing at school would either mean using our God-given talents to defend Christ or use them to tell others about Him. If you hear students at your school using the name of God in vain, would you step in and tell them about their wrongdoing? Most of us wouldn't, but as Christians we can

set an example by acting like God's children and conducting ourselves as such.

Cheating in school is another temptation put to us by the devil. We can witness for Christ by being honest around campus and thus overcoming this temptation.

It doesn't pay to keep quiet around school about your faith in God. You may please yourself and your bashfulness, but will you please God? Witness for Christ by letting others at school know that you are a Christian and set an example for the non-Christian to follow.

A Christian's duty around school is to witness for Christ by taking part in student government, doing your part in the affairs of the school, voting, expressing yourself when the Spirit moves you, and above all, witnessing for Christ by living for Him. Witness for Christ at your school, and you will not only please yourself but God as well.

Spring Rally at Northfield

Luther Leaguers of the Central Minnesota Circuit gathered in Northfield on April 19 for their Spring Rally. The speaker for the afternoon was Pastor Carl Jensen of Hazelwood who used the new Luther League theme "To God Alone The Glory" for his meditation. Led by Pastor Lowell Erdahl of Farmington, Pastor John Nielsen of Northfield, Pastor Bernhard Helland of the Lutheran Bible Institute, and Pastor Jensen, the young people divided into four groups to study John 3. Following recreation and supper, Pastor Helland spoke of "The Prodigal Son."

Chapel Planned For California Camp

A chapel for the Mount Cross Bible Camp in the Santa Cruz Mountains at Felton, California, is in the planning stage, through the generosity of a member of the Ansgar Lutheran Church in San Francisco. The initial gift for the Memorial Trust Fund for a Chapel came from Mrs. Roscoe Jensen of that congregation, thus providing the needed impetus to fulfill a long felt need for worship building on the camp grounds.

Mrs. Jensen and her husband were planning to build a new home when these plans were interrupted by Mr. Jensen's sudden death. Because of their interest in the Bible Camp, dating back to before its founding, Mrs. Jensen and her pastor, The Rev. Spener Petersen, considered this a fitting memorial. The gift, to be given over a period of years, will total more than \$15,000.

Members of the Bible Camp Board have already authorized the building of a chapel, at an estimated cost of \$20,000, and the building committee is now interviewing architects. To be used only as a worship center, the new chapel will be in harmony with the beauty of the Santa Cruz redwoods in which the camp is situated. Additional memorials and other gifts to make possible such a memorial chapel are invited and encouraged, and may be sent to Mt. Cross Bible Camp, Felton, California. Mount Cross Bible Camp is sponsored by the following bodies: American Lutheran Church, United Evangelical Lutheran Church, Augustana Lutheran Church, Evangelical Lutheran Church, Suomi Synod, and United Methodist Church. The Rev. Werner P. Welchert, U.L.A., pastor from Saratoga, California is president of the Board of Directors.



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THE SUMMER SCHEDULE OF THE 1959 CARAVAN TEAM IS NOW FILLED. THEIR SCHEDULE WILL APPEAR IN A LATER ISSUE.

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Look Unto Me!

By Elizabeth Moreland

I am the Eternal,
God over all men:
Is anything too hard for Me?

From everlasting
To everlasting
I was, and am, and evermore will be.

All might and wisdom,
Justice and mercy,
Begin, continue and end in Me.

Lift up your hearts, then,
Trust in my promise,
Never, no, never, will I forsake thee.

All that I do now
Thou wilt know later
Was best for all men and best for thee.

Be of good courage,
Lo, I am with you—
Is anything too hard for Me?

Christ, my Redeemer,
Lord over all things,
Rule Thou in all men, and rule in me.

I can do all things,
This my song of triumph—
All things through Christ, which
strengtheneth me.

IS CHRISTIANITY BECOMING
TOO POPULAR?

In the news columns there appeared an article by an eminent American clergyman, Dr. William S. Lea, dean of St. John's Cathedral, Denver. He raised the question whether Christianity can get too "popular" and what church members should do to relate their beliefs to the modern world.

The problem Dr. Lea discussed is one which has concerned religious leaders the world over. Church memberships have grown tremendously in recent years. Many more people are participating in their churches—not only their worship services, but their secular activities as well. Church revivals attract capacity congregations, and many thousands attend evangelical services.

But just how successful are these efforts in reaching the hearts and minds of men with the Christian ideal? Do they really result in a living gospel, or is religion actually becoming just a "popular" expression, easy on the tongue? Dr. Lea reminds us that "religion" is not even a Biblical word. Christ spoke of God-centered living, not about "religions."

The gospel brought to us by Christ is not for individuals alone but for all mankind. The concern of our day is the problem of human relationships between individuals, classes, races and nations. The teachings of Christ, however, can only be brought to play in these complex relations by our individual efforts.

Our efforts are not enough when

the Christian ideal is left in the church, and not brought into the world of everyday life in the home, in business, and all our other relationships.

—Coleman Prophet, in
Rome News-Tribune

GIVE ME A CAUSE

By George Z. Keller

Give me a cause for which to die,
Some work that I can do,
A task that tests my very best
And tires me through and through.

No life of ease can make me strong;
Blue skies are not for me;
Reverses can but prove a man—
The storm makes strong the tree.

Someone has slaved for that which I
Enjoy from day to day;
My job is to exhaust myself,
And all that debt repay.

Much better fight some wrongful
thing,
And in that struggle die,
Than too admit strong actions' need—
And then stand idly by.

I may not see the cherished day
When right shall rise to power,
But for it let my strength be spent
Each year, each day, each hour.

This world moves on through endless
years
Toward promised lands sublime;
Our labors carve the stepping stones
On which our sons may climb.
—Free Methodist

BANNINGISMS

"If life is just one crazy thing after another, then marriage is two things, crazy about each other."

"Building a home is one of life's highest achievements; it is the fine art of living together."

"The eternal triangle is usually husband, a wife and some interfering relative."

"Life's three most important books are the Bible, the Cook Book and the Check Book. If not followed carefully, it brings misery."

"Some day we shall beat our swords into plowshares and our rock and roll bands into unconsciousness."

ADVENTURE

These are the things I prize
And hold of dearest worth.
Light of the sapphire skies
Peace of the silent hills,
Shelter of forests, comfort of the grass,
Music of birds, murmur of little rills,
Shadows of little clouds that swiftly
pass,

And, after showers, the smell of
flowers

And of the good brown earth—
And best of all, along the way, friend-
ship and mirth!

—Henry Van Dyke

A LEADER'S PRAYER

By J. Lester Hankins

Let me stand upon a hill,
Like a tree against the sky,
A sentinel on duty—
Storm-wrenched, keen of eye.

Here, great seers touch horizons,
Lost travelers gain the trail.
By my side strong climbers kneel
In quest of the Holy Grail.

Keep me pure, O Breath of God,
Lifted to this crest so high;
Help me stand upon a hill,
Like a tree against the sky.
—Zion's Herald

Tired Wife (to fussy husband):
"Really, John, I'd rather have all the
children sick than you."
John: "So would I."

The airliner was about to land and the hostess making the rounds told all passengers to fasten their safety belts. All complied except one man and thinking the haughty looking gentleman might be a little deaf, she spoke directly to him in a loud voice: "Please, sir, will you fasten your safety belt?"

"My dear young lady," he replied with impatience, "I don't have to wear suspenders."

Our Foreign Mission Fields

CAUSE FOR REJOICING

Looking back only two annual conventions we notice that the Foreign Mission Budget adopted at the convention (Racine, Wisconsin June, 1957) was \$65,260. In the report which has just been released by the executive committee of the Board of Foreign Missions we notice that the proposed budget for the next ten-month period is \$95,000, which, if figured on a twelve month period, would be \$104,000. We're happy that the desire of the people of the U.E.L.C. was that foreign missions be placed on the synodical budget. There is no doubt that the greatest share of the increase is due to this decision to place this cause on the budget. Of the tentative ten-month budget it is expected that \$20,000 will be received from special sources, making it necessary that only \$75,000 be placed on the budget.

U.E.L.C. EXTENDS CALL TO MEDICAL DOCTOR

Dr. M. Hunter Smith of Castro Valley, California, and member of Faith Lutheran Church, has been extended a call to serve as a missionary in our Sudan Mission in Nigeria, Africa, by the executive committee of the Board of Foreign Missions.

The Smiths have a family of five children, ranging in ages from 2 years to 14 years of age. Dr. Smith says, "Both my wife and I have dedicated our lives together to greater Christian service, and have felt a definite calling to the mission field. We sought to prepare ourselves as best we could while awaiting the opportunity by taking Bible correspondence courses, Bible memory work, and attempting with God's help to deepen our spiritual lives. Now, the suddenness with which a definite possibility has materialized almost overwhelms us."

Pastor N. B. Hansen reports that it is expected Dr. Smith, who has a flourishing medical practice in Castro Valley, will be at our synodical convention in Sidney, Montana and at the Saturday evening service will bring greetings to the Convention.

MISSIONS

Work in Nigeria "not to be curtailed": When independence comes to Nigeria in 1960, the work of Christian missionaries will not be curtailed. This was the welcome word given to officials of the Sudan Interior Mission by the Premier of Northern Nigeria,

The Rev. Allan D. Hansen, 3741 Lugo Avenue, Lynwood, Calif., edits this page.

Alhaji Ahmadu, at a meeting held at his own request. The Moslem Premier paid tribute to the work of Christian Missionaries.

INDIA

At the first "Laymen's Institute" held in our mission among the Santals, literature was one of the most important subjects under discussion. The first and immediate result of this institute was a large and new order for books from our printing press at Benagaria.

This past year thousands of books, pamphlets, and tracts have been sold and distributed. This work has taken our missionaries through Malda, Cooch Behar, Assam, to the border and even a short trip into the land of Bhertan. Missionaries throughout the world see an increased desire for literature of all kinds. "Work while it is day for night cometh when no man can work."

HONG KONG— Neediest in the World

A printed letter for general circulation has come from the missionaries in Hong Kong. Much gratification is expressed in this letter over the 1,400 people who have been added to the church, bringing the total number of the saved to 6,000. These souls are shepherded in the congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hong Kong.

ARGENTINA— Historic Graduation in Argentina

Five students received their diplomas in the first graduation at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Jose C. Paz, a suburb of Buenos Aires. Graduates are from Argentina and Venezuela. They began their training soon after the Bueno Aires institution was brought into being in 1954.

Dr. Bela Lesko, dean of the seminary, in his opening remarks expressed gratitude to parents who have ac-

cepted the fact that their sons follow a spiritual vocation in a materialistic world. "This is a historic and decisive moment," he said, "these graduates head the list of many who will come after them."

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Royal, Ia., Bethlehem Luth. Church for LWA \$417, for Synod Dues \$1,280.75, for Forward			
Phase \$974.40	2672.15	2255.15	417
Sioux City, Ia., Our Savior's Ev. Luth. Church for Synodical Dues	200.00	200.00	
Hampton, Nebr., Immanuel Luth. Church for Synodical Quota	172.48	172.48	
Cushing, Nebr., St. John's Luth. Church for Foreign Missions \$56.45, for Forward Phase in full			
\$43.55 given by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ghnes	100.00	100.00	
Fremont, Nebr., First Luth. Church for Synodical Quota	4220.35	4220.35	
Minden, Nebr., Bethany Luth. Church for Synodical Quota in full \$209.15, Forward Phase			
\$183.32	392.47	392.47	
St. Paul, Nebr., St. Mark's Luth. Church for Forward Phase	59.00	59.00	
Portland, Me., The Atlantic District of the U.E.L.C. for the support of Rev. Peter Mathiason,			
Brazil Mission, So. America	250.00	250.00	
Brooklyn, Wis., Brooklyn Luth. Church for Synodical Quota	210.00	210.00	
Green Bay, Wis., Bethel Ev. Luth. Church for LWA \$19, Synodical Quota \$245.39	264.39	245.39	19
North Luck, Wis., St. Peter's Luth. Church for Synodical Quota in full	479.93	479.93	
Racine, Wis., Our Savior's Ev. Luth. Church for Synodical Quota	1000.00	1000.00	
Castro Valley, Calif., Faith Luth. Church for Synodical Quota in full	500.00	500.00	
Ferndale, Calif., Our Savior's Luth. Church for Synodical Quota in full \$709.46, Forward Phase			
\$190.54	900.00	900.00	
Given by Alma Jacobsen in memory of Mrs. Iverson for Foreign Missions	5.00	5.00	
Easton, Calif., Mrs. Marie Jensen, Fresno, in mem. of H. J. Jacobsen, Selma, for Home Miss.	4.00	4.00	
Easton, Calif., Immanuel Luth. Church for Synodical Quota in full	67.00	67.00	
Lynwood, Calif., St. Paul's Luth. Church for Synodical Quota	1000.00	1000.00	
North Hollywood, Calif., Valley Luth. Church for Synodical Quota \$332, LWA \$21.90	353.90	332.00	21
Norwalk, Calif., Trinity Luth. Church for Synodical Quota	1500.00	1500.00	
Petaluma, Calif., Elim Luth. Church for Synodical Quota	200.00	200.00	
Chicago, Ill., Atonement Luth. S. S. for Munchi Tudu account, Santal Mission	35.00	35.00	
Audubon, Ia., Our Savior's Luth. S. S. Easter offering for Foreign Missions	108.60	108.60	
Council Bluffs, Ia., Our Savior's Luth. S. S. for Foreign Missions	240.00	240.00	
Council Bluffs, Ia., Our Savior's Luth. Church for Synodical Quota	1795.53	1795.53	
Women of the Church for Home Missions \$162.60, Foreign Missions \$379.40	542.00	542.00	
Dubuque, Ia., Wartburg Seminary Seminettes for Sudan Mission	61.60	61.60	
Neola, Ia., Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bondo in memory of Mr. Oscar Christensen, Trufant, Mich., for			
Forward Phase	2.00	2.00	
West Branch, Ia., Bethany Luth. Church in memory of Walter Paulson for Forward Phase	50.00	50.00	
Women of the Church for Forward Phase	64.00	64.00	
Bethany Luth. Sunday School for Forward Phase	30.00	30.00	
Blooming Prairie, Minn., Trinity Luth. Church for Synodical Quota in full \$675.90, Forward			
Phase in full \$151	826.90	826.90	
Sidney, Mont., J. O. Rasmussen for Synodical Budget \$200, Foreign Missions \$100	300.00	300.00	
Sidney, Mont., Pella Luth. Church, Golden Band Fellowship for Japan Mission	20.00	20.00	
Sidney, Mont., Pella Luth. Church for Forward Phase in full	589.00	582.00	
Omaha, Nebr., Pella Ev. Luth. Church for Forward Phase	300.00	300.00	
Flaxton, N. Dak., United Luth. Church for Synodical Quota in full \$12.43, Forward Phase in			
full \$341	253.43	253.43	
Portland, Ore., Bethany Luth. Church for Synodical Quota \$256.36, Forward Phase \$6.64	263.00	263.00	
In memory of Mrs. Anna Isaacs for Home Missions \$35.50, Foreign Missions \$41.50	77.00	77.00	
In memory of Mrs. Anna Isaacs from Bethany for Foreign Missions	10.00	10.00	
From Sunday School for Synodical Budget \$100, LWA \$77.50	177.50	100.00	77
In memory of Mrs. Isaacs for LWA	77.50	77.50	77
Portland, Ore., Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Brodersen in memory of Mrs. Anna Isaacs for Sudan Mis-			
sion (Miss. Rohe)	5.00	5.00	
Cushing, Wis., First Luth. Church for Forward Phase \$100, LWA \$190	290.00	100.00	190
Clinton, Wis., Pella Ev. Luth. Church for Synodical Budget \$160, Forward Phase \$100	260.00	260.00	
Green Bay, Wis., Bethel Ev. Luth. Church for Synodical Quota	50.00	50.00	
Hartland, Wis., Our Savior's Luth. Church for Synodical Quota	750.00	750.00	
Milwaukee, Wis., Kinzo Ev. Luth. Church for Forward Phase in full	456.65	456.65	
Oregon, Wis., St. John's Luth. Church for Forward Phase \$225.55, LWA \$10	235.55	225.55	10
Racine, Wis., Immanuel Luth. Church for Synodical Quota \$321.86, Forward Phase \$1,152.19	1474.05	1474.05	
Waupaca, Wis., Trinity Ev. Luth. Church for Synodical Quota in full \$442.36, Forward Phase			
\$1,097.64	1540.00	1540.00	
Castro Valley, Calif., Dr. M. Hunter Smith for support of Pastor A. Morek in Colombia, S. A.	6.35	6.35	
Neola, Ia., St. Paul's Luth. Church for South America Mission	130.00	130.00	
Rutland, Ia., Trinity Luth. Church for Synodical Quota \$250, Forward Phase \$50	300.00	300.00	
Scranton, Ia., Mr. and Mrs. Harold Christensen and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Jensen for support			
of native evangelist in Santal Mission	10.00	10.00	
Albert Lea, Minn., Danish Sudan Circle for Sudan Mission	135.00	135.00	
Webster Groves, Mo., Bethany Ev. Luth. Church for Synodical Quota in full	114.25	114.25	
Abdal, Nebr., Bethel Luth. Church in memory of Ezra Petersen for Foreign Missions	5.00	5.00	
Cotesfield, Nebr., Dannevirke Luth. Church for Foreign Missions	8.10	8.10	
Beresford, S. Dak., In memory of Harry Siver for Foreign Missions given by the Orville Jen-			
sen, Adolph Rasmussens, Evan Rasmussens, Victor Jenssens, Nels Thompsons and Pete			
Hansens	8.00	8.00	
Pass Lake, Ont., Canada, Salem Luth. Church for Synodical Quota in full	131.35	131.35	
Salem Luth. S. S. for Children's Homes	10.00	10.00	
Lynwood, Calif., St. Paul's Luth. Church for Synodical Quota	2890.80	2890.80	
Council Bluffs, Ia., Mbs. Emma Hanson in memory of Mrs. Willie Christoffersen, Underwood,			
for South America Mission	2.00	2.00	
Dolliver, Ia., Dolliver Luth. Church for Synodical Quota	200.00	200.00	
Elk Horn, Ia., Elk Horn Luth. Church for Synodical Quota in full \$1,701.90, Forward Phase in			
full \$1,645.60	3347.50	3347.50	
Elk Horn, Ia., Given by relatives in memory of Ole N. Olsen for Foreign Missions	9.00	9.00	
Shelby, Ia., Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Iverson in memory of Mrs. Willie Christoffersen, Neola, for			
Home Missions	2.00	2.00	
Humboldt, Ia., Trinity Luth. Church for Synodical Quota	200.00	200.00	
Kimballton, Ia., Bethany Luth. Church for Synodical Quota \$100, Forward Phase \$25	125.00	125.00	
Coulter, Ia., Nazareth Luth. Church Women for South America Mission	42.32	42.32	
Westby, Mont., Emma Luth. Church for Synodical Quota	300.00	300.00	
Dannebrog, Nebr., Dannebrog Luth. Church for Forward Phase	150.00	150.00	
Given by Homebuilders for Indian Mission	25.00	25.00	
Hampton, Nebr., Immanuel Luth. Ladies Aid for Synodical Quota in full	10.00	10.00	
Laurel, Nebr., United Luth. Church for Synodical Quota	132.50	132.50	
Ord, Nebr., Rev. C. Jeppesen for Dana College Development Drive \$100*			
Bowbells, N. Dak., Bethlehem Luth. Church for Synodical Quota	25.00	25.00	

org. S. Dak., In memory of Mrs. Andrew N. Hansen for LWA	2.00		2.00
Francisco, Calif., Miss Emma Mark in memory of Mrs. N. O. Berthelsen for Pension Fund	5.00	5.00	
Walk, Calif., Trinity Luth. Church for Synodical Quota	900.00	900.00	
Waukegan, Ill., Trinity Luth. Church for Forward Phase	72.00	72.00	
Ir, Nebr., Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Lund in memory of Miss Julia Hultberg for Dana College Development Fund \$5*			
St. Canada Dist. Treas., Standard, Alta., Canada			
St. Ansgar Luth. Church, Winnipeg, for Synodical Quota	170.00	170.00	
St. Paul's Luth. Church, Olds, for Synodical Quota	200.00	200.00	
Northfield, Minn., St. Peter's Luth. S. S. for Santal Mission	60.00	60.00	
Waukegan Luth. Church, Standard, for Santal Mission	200.00	200.00	
Waukegan, Wis., Ebenezer Luth. Church for Synodical Quota \$100, LWA \$29.09	129.09	100.00	29.09
Hollywood, Calif., Valley Luth. Church for Synodical Quota	146.69	146.69	
St. John, Mont., Mr. and Mrs. Peder Norgaard, in memory of fireman Norgaard and Mrs. Jakob Rasmussen for Synodical Quota	50.00	50.00	
St. John, Nebr., Our Savior's Luth. Church for Synodical Quota \$300, Forward Phase \$100	400.00	400.00	
St. John, N. Y., Given in memory of Pastor Christen Christensen:			
For the Home Mission by The United Evangelical Lutheran Church	15.00	15.00	
For the Japan Mission from Ina Hopkins and Mr. and Mrs. Justin Cline	10.00	10.00	
For Dana College from Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hansen, Laurens, N. Y., Mr. and Mrs. Thor-			
man Nordberg, Mrs. Gustav Nordberg, Mrs. Gertrude Bruce, Oneonta, N. Y.	10.00	10.00	
For the South America Mission from Mrs. Everett McCurcheon, Eagle Grove, Ia., Mr. and			
Mrs. Llamoyne Jensen, Albert Lea, Minn., Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Nelson, Austin, Minn.,	10.00	10.00	
Mrs. Anna Mikaelson, Glendale, Arizona			
For the Pension Fund from Mr. and Mrs. Laurits Nielsen, Buffalo, Wyoming, Mr. and			
Mrs. Ellsworth Hansen, Austin, Minn., Mr. and Mrs. Nels Nelson, Ramsey, N. J., Mrs.	10.00	10.00	
Ethel Scott, Bremerton, Wash.			
St. John, Wis., Our Savior's Luth. Church for Synodical Quota	177.00	177.00	
St. John, Alta., Canada, Trinity United Evan. Luth. Church for Synodical Quota	400.00	400.00	
TOTALS	\$529942.48	\$518792.68	\$11149.80

* Not included in Synodical Quota.

This is the final report for the Synodical Fiscal Year, which shows the budget has been 97.88% raised for a total of \$478,597.53.

In addition \$40,195.25 has been raised for Forward Phase during the current fiscal year. Our most sincere thanks goes to all who have responded so nobly to our various appeals (including the last minute telegraphic one) during the year.

Received with much thanks.

May 9, 1959, Blair, Nebraska.

P. V. Hansen, Treasurer

NEWS AND NOTES

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4. Low Cost. \$12.50 for adults, \$6.25 for children 6-12, pre-school free.

For more information write to the Camp Dean, L. L. Helstedt, Clam Falls, Wis., or Camp Registrar, Walter Jensen, Grantsburg, Wis.

Milltown, Wis., A. E. Neve, Pastor. During Holy week this spring six of our Luther Leaguers, who are seniors in High School, assisted the Pastor in bringing the meditations on the seven Last Words at the Good Friday Service.

The week after Easter we were privileged to have as our guest speaker, Pastor John Nielsen. He presented some very Christ-centered and inspiring messages under the general theme: GOD'S SEARCH FOR MAN. Following one of the evening sessions he gave us a very interesting illustrated talk about his bicycle trip through Europe.

We now have a Board of Parish Education which supervises the entire program of Christian Education in the congregation. Fred Christopherson was recently elected to be Superintendent of the Sunday School. This is the first time in the history of the congregation that a man has functioned in this capacity.

On Sunday April 26 seventeen (ninth grade) youth were confirmed.

In this year's class were two girls whose families were brought to America through the efforts of the local congregation and Lutheran World Action. Ella Milberg (one of the confirmands) was born in Yugoslavia shortly before Tito's soldiers were marching into Yugoslavia. Her parents fled with her by horse and wagon to Hungary. From there they took a train to Austria where they remained in a D.P. camp for one year. For five years after that Mr. Milberg worked in Austria. Through the efforts of a group of families at our church and Lutheran World Action the family was brought to Milltown. Mr. Stephan Milberg now operates a church furniture factory in Milltown where he makes pews and altar furniture.

The other, Baiba Vavere, was born while air raid sirens were alarming everyone in Riga, Latvia on Aug. 31, 1944, when Russian planes were again attacking the city. Her family was displaced to Germany where they lived in a displaced persons camp until April 11, 1945, when they were liberated by the U. S. army. They came to America through the efforts of the Lutheran Resettlement Program. Baiba's father is now the general manager of the Milltown Cooperative Services. He is an accountant by profession.

Both Baiba and Ella were unable to speak English when they arrived in the U. S. They now speak the lan-

guage fluently and are both "A" students in High School. If you were to meet them now you could not distinguish them from any other typical American teenager.

Pastor Donald T. Hanson of Denver, Colo., has accepted a call to the Neenah, Wis. congregation. He will leave Denver June 7th.

Pastor William J. Hanson has accepted the call of Christ the King Lutheran Church, Denver, Colo. He expects to take charge after July 1st.

Pastor Im. Johansen has accepted the call to become pastor at Salmonhurst, N. B., Canada.

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pending measures, says "Yes." The American Medical Association answers with an unqualified "No."

The Church with her old folks homes and hospitals stands very close to this problem. She has her experts and advisers in social welfare matters and their recommendations will help many of us figure out what is the best thing to do, whether to continue to operate our own welfare institutions or gradually to suspend their operations, turning our needy oldsters over to the tender mercies of their benevolent Uncle Sam.



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